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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM G. BOWDLER

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO GUATEMALA MANAGUA SAN JOSE
TEGUCIGALPA ASUNCION USCINCSO FROM SAN SALVADOR 27 JUN 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2586

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OAS: PARAGUAYAN FON MIN'S CAMPAIGN FOR OAS SECRE-
TARY GENERAL

REF: STATE 121770

USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR VOLTA GAONA, ACCREDITED TO ALL
FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, TOLD EMB OFF THAT HE HAD
RECEIVED NOTES FROM GOVERNMENTS OF NICARAGUA AND GUATEMALA
PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER
SAPENA PASTOR FOR OAS SECRETARY GENERAL. HE ADDED THAT BOTH
NOTES CONTAIN CAVEAT THAT SUPPORT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IF A
CENTRAL AMERICAN CANDIDATE EVENTUALLY EMERGES.

2. VOLTA GAONA ALEO SAID THAT SAPENA PASTOR PERSONALLY
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APPROACHED COSTA RICAN FON MIN FACIO IN SAN JOSE AT THE

ODUBER INAUGURATION. AT THAT TIME, FARIO GAVE ORAL PROMISE OF SUPPORT SUBJECT TO CAVEAT NOTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE. VOLTA GAONA ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE VERBAL ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT FR N THE GOVERNMENTS OF EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND PANAMA. HE PERSONALLY IS CONVINCED THAT NO CENTRAL AMERICAN CANDIDATE WILL EMERGE AND THUS COUNTS THE VOTES OF THE FIVE CA COUNTRIES AND PANAMA AS CERTAIN FOR SAPENA PASTOR.

3. WHEN ASKED FOR U.S. VIEWS, EMB OFF WAS NON-COMMITTAL, REPLYING ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. CAMPBELL UNQUOTE SISCO

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